Sankhya Programme is operational in fourteen districts of the States of Karnataka, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The programme has been sanctioned to cover twenty districts in these States during the Eighth Plan period.

Recognition to Youth by Nehru Yuva Kendras

1596. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme for giving recognition to outstanding Youths by Nehru Yuva Kendras has been introduced; and

(b) if so, the number of national awards given under this scheme so far in Madya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) A new scheme entitled 'District Youth Award' has been started by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan sincee 1990-91. Under the scheme, four youth per District are given the awards which consist of a certificate and a cash award of Rs. 500 each. The awards are usually given during the National Youth Week celebrated in January every year.

(b) Since the award is a District level award, no National awards have been given in any State including Madhya Pradesh.

Recognition To Outstanding Youth Clubs

1597. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme for giving recognition to outstanding youth clubs has been introduced;

(b) if so, what are the main purposes and features of the scheme;

(c) what are the names of the States covered by this scheme; and

(d) how many out of them are functioning in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A New scheme for giving recognition to outstanding youth clubs has been introduced and is being implemented by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. The scheme has been introduced in order to encourage growth of youth clubs in the field.

The scheme is implemented at a 3-tier level i.e. district, state and national. The district level winner is awarded Rs. 5,000 whereas the state level winner is awarded Rs. 20,000. At the national level, there are three awards of Rs. 1,00,000, Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 25,000.

The awardees are selected on the basis of their performance in various specified activities.

(c) and (d) The scheme is applicable in all the States and Union Territories. In Madhya Pradesh, 17 district level winners were selected out of which one state level winner has also been selected.

National Institute of Youth Development

1598. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a national Institute of Youth Development for providing training for the youths;

(b) if so, what are the main functions and aims of this institute; and

(c) how many youths from Madhya Pradesh have been provided training through this institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The aims and functions of the Institute are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The institute has been set up recently and is still in the process of finalising the programmes and schedules for training, and other activities.